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1. TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE OFFICIAL FIGURES FOR THE
NUMBER OF ETHNIC GERMANS ARRIVING IN THE FRG FROM FOUR
EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FROM JANUARY TO MARCH 1978.

MONTH POLAND USSR ROMANIA CZECHO TOTAL
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JAN.	2,714	878	642	27	4,261
FEB.	2,118	800	626	46	3,590
MAR.	3,067	919	838	50	4,874

YR. TO DATE 7,899 2,597 2,106 123 12,725

2. TRANSMITTED ALSO ARE THE NUMBER OF VISAS WHICH WERE ISSUED BY FRG EMBASSIES IN THESE FOUR COUNTRIES. THESE FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THOSE IN PARA 1 (THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS ACTUALLY ARRIVING IN THE FRG) AND THE DIFFERENCE GENERALLY REFLECTS THE NUMBER OF EMIGRANTS WHO HAVE LEFT EASTERN EUROPE USUALLY AS TOURISTS AND HAVE ILLEGALLY (FROM THE EASTERN POINT OF VIEW) STAYED IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC.

MONTH	POLAND	USSR	ROMANIA	CZECHO	TOTAL
JAN.	2,203	994	604	16	3,817
FEB.	2,521	700	551	55	3,827
MAR.	2,634	999	763	25	4,421
YR. TO DATE	7,358	2,693	1,198	96	12,065

3. POLAND: FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE FIGURES CLOSELY. WHILE THE RATE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH WAS ABOVE THE BENCHMARK FIGURE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2,500, PRELIMINARY FIGURES FOR APRIL SHOW A DROP TO ABOUT 2,000 AND THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOT FULLY SATISFIED WITH POLISH PERFORMANCE.

4. USSR: THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS PLEASED WITH THE PRESENT RATE OF EMIGRATION. OUR CONTACTS HOPE THE BREZHNEV VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A FURTHER INCREASE, THOUGH THE SOVIETS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFECT.

5. ROMANIA: THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS DISAPPOINTED THAT EMIGRATION HAS FALLEN OFF FROM THE 1977 HIGH OF SOME 820 PER MONTH. DURING THE SCHMIDT VISIT TO ROMANIA (JANUARY 6 TO 7), BUCHAREST GAVE A VERBAL COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN THE 1977 LEVEL OF EMIGRATION, I.E. SOME 10,000.

6. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: DURING THE HUSAK VISIT THE CZECHS ANNOUNCED THAT 300 EXIT PERMITS HAD BEEN GRANTED TO ETHNIC GERMANS. THE FRG EMBASSY IN PRAGUE REPORTS THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THE CZECH CLAIM, NOTING THAT IT HAS YET TO REGISTER A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN VISA REQUESTS FROM ETHNIC

GERMANS.
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